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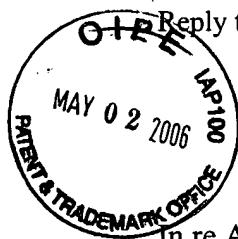
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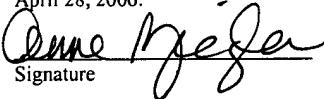
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 29, 2006. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the request for election of species and allowance of the claims pending in this Application.

In response to the Office Action, please reconsider the above-identified Application in light of the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page two (2) of this paper; and

Remarks that begin on page six (6) of this paper.